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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

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Dear [redacted]

This letter is to confirm our telephone conversation of last evening. First, I regret that your daughter reported to you that I was FBI. I have always been meticulously careful to be absolutely clear that I represent the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). However, outside of Washington, D.C., the CIA is relatively unknown. It is therefore not uncommon, regardless of how we represent ourselves, for people to assume we are FBI. Let me assure you that I represent the Central Intelligence Agency.

Secondly, I wish to assure you the CIA is not a police agency and has no police powers. I am searching for several specific persons, one of whom is believed to be your brother, because the Director of Central Intelligence is committed to make every effort to pass information in our possession to the persons concerned. Since the information is of a personal nature, we are forbidden by law from passing it to anyone other than the person concerned. I have already spoken with two persons named [redacted] and determined that neither was the person concerned. I am reasonably convinced that your brother [redacted] is the person for whom I am searching, but I cannot be certain of that until I talk with him. I repeat my assurance that this represents an effort of the Federal Government to protect the rights of [redacted] and to pass to him information, possibly important to him, to which he is entitled.

I hope you can help me find him, and I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience. As you know, I may be reached by a letter to me at the above address or you may phone me at [redacted] A collect call will be accepted. I look forward to hearing from you promptly and thank you now for your cooperation.

Yours truly,

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